

Sturgeon Spirit



Kindle the Spirit

at Sturgeon Comp

MAY, 2009



Dress Code

With the warmer weather upon us, students are reminded of the school's dress code which states:

In keeping with the philosophy of Alberta Education, we strive to help our students become productive citizens who are ready to enter the work force or are ready to pursue post-secondary education. As a result, students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect and to dress appropriately for a school/work place setting.

- (a) Footwear must be worn at all times in the school.
- (b) Students must not wear clothing or accessories that have sharp points or edges.
- (c) Students must not wear clothing or accessories that are offensive or depict illegal or immoral behavior.
- (d) Students must wear clothing that covers their chest, back and midriff (no spaghetti straps or strapless/off the shoulder shirts).
- (e) Shorts and skirts must be a reasonable length.
- (f) Make-up must be appropriate for the work place.

The final determination about modesty and/or appropriateness of dress lies with school staff.

Students who are inappropriately dressed will be asked to change, or a parent will be contacted to pick up the student or bring them a change of clothing.

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Summer Work Experience

Students who have part-time jobs and will be working over the summer may be eligible to earn high school credits as they learn and participate in their employment duties. Ms. Ferri is available in the Student Services office on Mondays and Wednesdays to meet with students to discuss this summer work experience opportunity.

If you would like more information about our Work Experience Program, please contact Ms. Ferri @ 780-222-5008.



News From The Office

Final Exams

June 2009

Monday, June 15	<u>9:00-11:30 a.m.</u> <i>English 30-1/-2, Part A</i>	
	In-class Exams (Visual) - English 10-1; 10-2; 20-1; 20-2	
Tuesday, June 16	<u>9:00-11:00 a.m.</u> <i>Social 30/33, Part A</i>	
	In-class Exams (Part A) - Social 10-1; 20-1	
Wednesday, June 17	In-class (Essay) - English 10-1; 10-2; 20-1; 20-2	
Thursday, June 18	<u>9:00-10:00 a.m.</u> <i>Pure/Applied Math 30, Part A</i>	<u>1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> <i>Pure/Applied Math 30, Part B</i>
	<u>9:00-11:30 a.m.</u> Social 20-1, Part B Social 20-2, Part A and B	<u>1:00-3:30 p.m.</u> Social 10-1, Part B; Social 10-2, Part A and B
Friday, June 19	<u>9:00-10:00 a.m.</u> <i>Biology 30, Part A</i>	<u>1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> <i>Biology 30, Part B</i>
	<u>9:00-11:30 a.m.</u> Science 20/24	<u>1:00-3:30 p.m.</u> Physics 20, Science 10/14
Monday, June 22	<u>9:00-10:00 a.m.</u> <i>Physics 30, Part A</i>	<u>1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> <i>Physics 30, Part B</i>
	<u>9:00-11:00 a.m.</u> Chem 20; English 10-1/10-2	<u>1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> English 20-1/20-2
Tuesday, June 23	<u>9:00-10:00 a.m.</u> <i>Chemistry 30, Part A</i>	<u>1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> <i>Chemistry 30, Part B</i>
	<u>9:00-11:30 a.m.</u> Bio 20; Pure/Applied Math 10	<u>1:00-3:30 p.m.</u> Pure/Applied Math 20
Wednesday, June 24	<u>9:00-10:00 a.m.</u> <i>Science 30, Part A</i>	<u>1:00-3:00 p.m.</u> <i>Science 30, Part B</i>
	<u>9:00-11:30 a.m.</u> Math 31	
Thursday, June 25	<u>9:00-11:30 a.m.</u> <i>English 30-1/30-2, Part B</i>	
Friday, June 26	<u>9:00-11:00 a.m.</u> <i>Social 30/33, Part B</i>	

NOTE: *Students are permitted an additional one-half hour to complete their **DIPLOMA EXAMS**. Buses will be doing their regular runs during exams and departing the school @ 3:35 p.m.*

Starting June 18th only students who have exams are to be at school. If a student has a morning exam, and they take the bus, they may choose to have silent study in the library, or talk and study in the cafeteria. All students must carry picture ID (school or Driver's license) to access the exam room, the library, or their lockers. Textbooks may be returned the day of exams on the trollies that will be in the front foyer attended by a supervisor.

Thank you ...

to all the staff and students who supported the "Relay for Life" cancer fundraiser. Prize winners were:

1st place (iPod) - Tim Nolte
2nd place (Cafeteria Card) - Jasmine Hoffman
3rd place (Cafeteria Card) - Tyler Dettling

Sturgeon staff will be participating in the "Relay for Life" run on May 23 @ Foote Field.

Congratulations ...

are extended to two graduates, *Caitlin Fortier and Harrison Tighe*, for being selected into the Science 100 program at the University of Alberta. Only 30 students out of approximately 300 were able to get into this program.

2010 Calendar Contest Deadline

The June 29th artwork deadline for the 2010 Aboriginal Enviro Careers Calendar Contest is fast approaching! Get your students involved in learning about environmental careers for their chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship.

This annual contest is open to Aboriginal students in grades 7-12.

Send an email to info@beahr.com for more information, or visit www.beahr.com for contest entry forms and guidelines.

Student Services

Post-Secondary Application Deadline

May 1st is the application deadline for many post-secondary programs but there are still numerous programs with late deadlines.

Check the website of your chosen program for the most up to date information.

Scholarship Workshops

Student Services will be having a Sturgeon Scholarship workshop on Thursday, May 14th, 2009 during the noon hour. At this time we will also talk about local scholarships like the Dale MacMillan and the Busby Lions Club among others.

Student Services held an Alexander Rutherford Scholarship workshop on April 30th and those application forms have been sent in. Anyone who did not fill out the application form can still do so but would be responsible to mail it in themselves.

The form is on-line at www.alis.alberta.ca/scholarships or additional forms are available in the Student Services Office.

You must be attending a post-secondary educational institution in the fall in order to get the scholarship funds in the fall.

MATH 10 PREP Summer Program Sturgeon Learning Centres

What is Math 10 Prep?

Math 10 Prep is a provincially approved 5 credit course designed to reinforce the skills acquired in Junior High Math and to prepare for Grade 10 Math. Math 10 Prep will be offered in a small class setting. This course will be offered at the Sturgeon and Morinville Learning Centres from July 2 to July 29th, 2009. Students are required to attend all classes. Classes run 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tutorial is available until 1:00 p.m. each day.

Please register prior to June 13. Cost \$18.75. For more information call either the Sturgeon Learning Centre at 780-923-2443 or the Morinville Learning Centre at 780-939-4033.

NOTE: ALL OTHER CORE COURSES ARE ALSO OFFERED FROM JULY 2-29th.

Life Skills

Has spring finally arrived? Well it has in Life Skills. Our students have been working on spring art projects and preparing their Mother's Day gift. We have also had several opportunities to enjoy the fresh spring air. Our students enjoyed participating with Edmonton and St. Albert Life Skills programs in the Bonnie Doon bowling tournament. They once again had an amazing turn-out and there was fun for all. Jonah received an award for having the highest score in Sturgeon. Congratulations Jonah!

Our work experience students have also been very busy with planning their lessons and writing their mid-point reflection. Thank you to all our work experience students for the great job you do in our class; our students have a great opportunity for learning new things with the time all of you have invested in our class.

Most recently Life Skills had the opportunity to have a tour of Rexall Place ... home of the Edmonton Oilers! They were amazed at the bronze statue of the famous Mr. #99. They had a lot of walking to view the various points of interest. They were able to take in the Oilers meeting room, dressing room and the amazing sky-box. They had a great time and everyone returned very exhausted.

Life Skills students will be very busy during the month of May as we have many activities and new field trips planned. Special congratulations to Courtney Whitehead and Alex Pukanich as they are graduating from our program this year. Good luck!

May, will hopefully bring us sunshine and warm weather. We all have lots of winter clean-up to do, just don't forget to take some personal time and enjoy what spring has to offer.

By: Linda Megyesi, Educational Assistant

Library

Congratulations to Erin Gervais and Sam Hamstra who won prizes in the 'Library Logic Puzzle Contest!'

The library staff would like to congratulate the Graduating Class of 2008-2009. Well done! Shoot for the Stars, Oscars Red Carpet.

Pink Monkey:

Everyone already knows about [Sparknotes](#) and [Cliffnotes](#), but there are very few who have used PinkMonkey. PinkMonkey is very much like Sparknotes and Cliffnotes, except that it has slightly more detailed summaries.

<http://www.pinkmonkey.com/>

Research and General Interest Links

Preparing for diploma exams

- <http://education.alberta.ca/students/exams.aspx> (Diploma Exam guides, previous Diploma Examinations and answer keys, Diploma Examinations Schedule, rewrite fees, information for students, parents, teachers and administrators concerning Diploma Examinations for Grade 12 students.)
- Check out the web site on Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. <http://www.vancouver2010.com/>

Selection of new material in the library:

Fiction:

- **The Book of Negroes by Lawrence Hill**
Abducted as an 11-year old child from her village in West Africa and forced to walk to the sea in a coffin—a string of slaves—Aminata Diallo is sent to live as a slave in South Carolina. Years later, she forges her way to freedom, serving the British in the Revolutionary War and registering her name and the names of many others in the historic "Book of Negroes." This book provides a short but immensely revealing record of freed Loyalist slaves who requested permission to leave the United States for resettlement in Nova Scotia only to find that the haven they sought was steeped in oppression of its own. Aminata eventually return to Sierra Leone—passing ships carrying thousands of slaves bound for America. It is an engrossing account of a chapter in history that saw 1200 former slaves embark on a harrowing back-to-Africa odyssey.
- **Slumdog Millionaire by Vikas Swarup**
Ram Mohammed Thomas is a waiter who gets the chance to appear on "Who Will Win a Billion?" on Indian TV. Even though the orphan has never been to school, an amazing sequence of coincidences allows him to answer the 12 questions correctly and win the billion rupees. The TV show thinks he must be cheating, especially since the producers hadn't planned on someone winning the billion before advertising revenue brought in more than the billion needed for the prize. So he is arrested. He tells his life story to his attorney, and through the questions the listener learns about his life and his real reason for going on the show.

- **The Girl with the Botticelli Face by W.D. Valgardson**
The story of a man's search for a young woman, a waitress at his favourite cafe, who suddenly goes missing. Tormented by the dissolution of his marriage and by his childhood, Bob's own breakdown and therapy parallel his detective mission as he is driven to find the girl with the Botticelli face - or to learn of her fate. His search is not an easy one, and it takes him into situations and encounters with people who show him a side of life and love from which he had shut himself off.
- **Graphic Classics: O. Henry**
Graphic Classics: O. Henry is a great collection of stories from the master of the surprise ending. This eleventh volume in the Graphic Classics series features "The Ransom of Red Chief," the precursor to "Home Alone." Plus "The Cabollero's Way," the original tale of The Cisco Kid, and O. Henry's Christmas classic "The Gift of the Magi," along with seven more stories.

Non-Fiction:

- **The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable by Nassim Nicholas Taleb**
A black swan is a highly improbable event with three principal characteristics: It is unpredictable; it carries a massive impact; and, after the fact, we concoct an explanation that makes it appear less random, and more predictable, than it was. The astonishing success of Google was a black swan; so was 9/11. For Nassim Nicholas Taleb, black swans underlie almost everything about our world, from the rise of religions to events in our own personal lives. (Random House)

D. Sharrun-Clark (Teacher-Librarian), S. Kinjerski (Media Tech)

Music

We have had a great run at the local music festivals this year. Thank you to all the students for their great performances. Below is a list of results:

Choralfest North: the choir received a **silver rating** at this festival.

Alberta International Band Festival: the jazz band and concert band received "Excellent" ratings. Mr. Krips received the Senior High School Professional Development Scholarship for \$500 at the festival.

Rotary Music Festival, St. Albert:

Concert Band: Gold award and the Senior Concert Band Scholarship

Jazz Band: Gold award

Choir: Gold with distinction and recommendation to the Provincial Choral Festival, May 7.

Provincial Choral Festival: 90% with a superior rating. The choir is one of the top 5 choirs in the province!

Great work everyone and good luck to the choir at Provincials!

Upcoming Dates:

May 24: The Men of Pro Coro Concert at 2 PM at the Win-spear. Five of our men will be singing at this concert!

May 26: SCAMPA Annual General Meeting, 7 PM in the library. All parents who have students in band, choir, jazz band and vocal jazz must attend this meeting.

June 2: Final Concert and music awards in the South Gym.

Thank you for your support through the entire year! We look forward to our final concert and awards.

Mr. Krips

Sports



Bulldog Football

Information has been posted on the school's web site and it can be found easily in two different manners:

1. Go to www.sturgeoncomp.ca and enter "Bulldog" (or football) into the search window at the top of the page and then select "Tryouts"
- or**
2. Using the menu on the left side of the page select "Athletics" and then "Tryouts" to get to www.sturgeoncomp.ca/Default.aspx?id=136

Spring Camps:

Grade 9 and Rookie Camp
May 31 - June 4

Veteran Camp
May 24-30

NOTE: AN INFORMATION SHEET IS AVAILABLE IN THE GENERAL OFFICE.

Community Events

Kalyna Idol Talent Search

Kalyna Country and the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village are teaming up again in 2009 to launch the third Kalyna Idol contest. This year's event will be held in conjunction with the Arts Day and Harvest of the Past & 'A Taste of Heritage' Food Festival event at the Village; attendance at this event is traditionally in the 3,000+ mark. The Kalyna Idol contest is open to amateur vocalists who are residents of northeast central Alberta. For 2009 they are opening up the search to younger competitors - there will be three age categories: '12 and under', '13 to 25 years and 26 years and over'. Winners will be eligible for various prizes.

Applicants must pre-register by May 29, 2009, with auditions taking place at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village on Saturday, June 20, 2009. Participants are required to sing solo at the audition and may bring an acoustic instrument or CD. Finalists will perform on stage at the 2009 Arts Day at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village on Saturday, September 20, 2009. Winners of each of the three categories will be asked to perform in their showcase at the Harvest of the Past the following day Sunday, September 20, 2009 at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village. Details and application forms can be downloaded from the Kalyna Country website at www.kalynacountry.com/Kalyna-Idol or obtained by calling Kalyna Country at 1-888-452-5962.



Thinking about summer camp? Summer program information is now available!

The Sunflower Community Resource Program is a confidential information and referral provider for:

community organizations - children & youth programs - child care - seniors services - addictions treatment - AADAC - aboriginal support - mental health - family programs - divorce & separation information - sports clubs - summer camps - counseling - work search & employment - local program guides - tourist information - home renovation grants - local businesses & more!

Contact us at:
780.923.2374 (toll free, dial 780.413.9153 first)
office@sunflowerinfoline.ab.ca
[5015 50th Street, Gibbons \(9-5, weekdays\)](#)
Serving residents and organizations in Bon Accord, Gibbons, Legal, Morinville, Redwater, Fort Saskatchewan, Sturgeon County and surrounding areas.

Calendar of Events

May 15	Professional Development - No Classes
May 16	SCHS Graduation 2009
May 18	Victoria Day - No Classes
May 21	School Day (SCHS Only) - 9:43 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
June 9	Athletic Awards (7:00 p.m.)
June 10	Staff Meeting - Early Dismissal (2:05 p.m.)
June 11	School Day (SCHS Only) - 9:43 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
June 17	Last Day of Regular Classes
June 27	Summer Vacation Begins